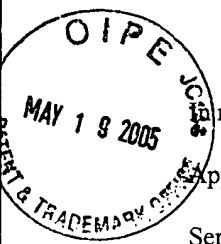


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U.S. Application of:)
 Applicant(s): Yury Shkolnikov)
 Serial No.: 09/973,103)
 Conf. No.: 1300)
 Filed: October 9, 2001)
 For: VARIABLE VOLUME)
 VALVE FOR A)
 COMBUSTION)
 POWERED TOOL)
 Art Unit: 3747)
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	20	0	x \$50.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$200.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment A.

() A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

() Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$ _____.

() Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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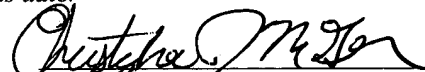
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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on February 17, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.